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1. THE DEA OFFICE IN COPENHAGEN WORKS AS AN INTEGRATED PART
OF THE EMBASSY. THE TWO AGENTS ARE ON THE DIPLOMATIC LIST
AND RECEIVE FULL COOPERATION FROM ALL SECTIONS OF THE EMBASSY.

2. UNDER MY DIRECTION THE DCM MAINTAINS CLOSE SUPERVISION OF
DEA OPERATIONS IN DENMARK. THE DEA OFFICE HAS DEVELOPED EFFECT-
IVE WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH DANISH NARCOTIC OFFICIALS IN THE
COPENHAGEN AREA AND THE NATIONAL POLICE FORCE. FIVE SEPARATE
TRAINING SEMINARS HAVE BEEN HELD HERE FOR POLICE AGENTS FROM
ALL OVER SCANDINAVIA. I HAVE ATTENDED THE OPENING AND CLOSING
CEREMONIES AT MOST OF THESE. FURTHERMORE, A NUMBER OF LEAD-
ING DANISH NARCOTICS CONTROL AUTHORITIES HAVE VISITED THE U.S.
ON TRAINING COURSES AND HAVE RETURNED TO CONDUCT SEMINARS
THEMSELVES.

3. WHEN OUR AGENTS BEGAN WORKING WITH THE DANES, THERE WAS A
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TENDENCY FOR THE LATTER TO EXPECT OUR AGENTS TO TAKE THE LEAD.
IT TOOK A FEW MONTHS TO ESTABLISH THE FACT THAT OUR AGENTS WERE
MORE EFFECTIVE IF THEY STAYED IN THE BACKGROUND, ALLOWING THE
DANES TO GET THE CREDIT (AND PUBLICITY, IF ANY) IN CASE OF
NARCOTICS ARRESTS.

4. WE FEEL, THEREFORE, THAT THE OPERATION HAS GONE SMOOTHLY

AND THAT THE DEA OFFICE IN COPENHAGEN IS A MOST EFFECTIVE ONE. SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT TWO YEARS AGO, THE DANES HAVE BECOME AWARE OF THE DANGERS OF NARCOTICS IN DENMARK AS WELL AS ALERT TO THE FACT THAT COPENHAGEN HAD BECOME AN IMPORTANT TRANSIT POINT. THE EFFORTS OF OUR AGENTS HAVE RESULTED IN A SIGNIFICANT NARCOTICS CONTROL POLICE, FOR WHICH THE DANISH GOVERNMENT IS VERY APPRECIATIVE. THE UNDER SECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, FOR EXAMPLE, RECENTLY TOLD THE DCM THAT HE WOULD PERSONALLY ACCEPT A DEA INVITATION TO THE U.S. THIS SUMMER BECAUSE HE THOUGHT THE NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM WAS SO IMPORTANT.

5. WE BELIEVE, THEREFORE, THAT THE DEA ROLE HERE AS AN ADVISORY RATHER THAN AN OPERATIONAL ONE IS BEST SUITED FOR THE LOCAL TEMPERAMENT AND THE ONE WHICH WILL PRODUCE THE LONGEST-RANGE BENEFITS. WE CONSIDER THAT EMBASSY COOPERATION WITH DANISH POLICE AUTHORITIES ON NARCOTICS CONTROL HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL AND OUR DEA AGENTS DESERVE FULL CREDIT FOR THIS. HAVING ESTABLISHED A GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITHIN THE EMBASSY AND WITH THE DANISH AUTHORITIES, WE SEE NO REASON TO CHANGE THE PRESENT GROUND RULES UNDER WHICH THE DEA OFFICE OPERATES.
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